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# ARMS FOR SHIPS DECIDED UPON; SENATORS TO ADOPT CLOTURE

## MASTER SPY SPENT MILLIONS; VON IGEL SECRETS ARE LAID BEFORE U. S. GRAND JURY

Government Agents Discover Widespread Intrigues Directed by One Mind—Fay Plotting in Mexico—Kolb and Schwartz Held.

With the presentation to the Federal Grand Jury to-morrow of part of the documents seized in the office of Wolf von Igel, attache of the German Embassy, who sailed with Count von Bernstorff after indictments against him had been dismissed, the United States Government will begin uncovering to a greater extent than ever the German spy conspiracy in this country.

Evidence in the possession of the Government shows more than \$3,000,000 has been spent thus far and the supply of money now available for the plotters is said to be unlimited.

The von Igel papers have been closely guarded by agents of the Department of Justice since their seizure and they were brought here to-day by two representatives of the Department. They will form the first bit of evidence to be presented against Chanandra Chakrabarty and Dr. Ernest S. Kunna, charged with being at the head of the plot to incite revolt in India. The papers were taken to the office of Assistant United States Attorney John C. Knox.

Federal agents learned to-day that Lieut. Fay, who escaped from Atlanta Prison after he was sent there for attempting to blow up ships in this harbor, is in Northern Mexico engaged in a plot to start a Mexican revolution against the Carranza government.

According to the government officials, if Carranza refused to join Germany in an alliance against the United States, a revolution backed by German money and aided by German officers was to be directed against him.

Officials are amazed at the amount of money spent by the German conspirators in this country. The system is under the direction of one man, assisted by a financial manager, and the agents of the Department of Justice are slowly closing in on this center of the plot.

"There is ample evidence to prove there is a spy master in this country directing the actions of all these apparently disconnected groups," a high official said to-day. "This man is the hub in the wheel of intrigue and there are many spokes. We know that before von Igel left each of these groups was provided with a large appropriation."

"A very large amount of money was left in this country for the purpose of furthering the plans, and in the investigation of every plot the way is being pointed toward the one financial and plotting center. A widespread plan for the spreading of disorder in this country in the event of war has been arranged, but the Government will be ready to round up the conspirators before they can do very much."

It was stated to-day that every society of pacifists investigated by government agents has revealed financial influence. Before the Grand Jury finishes its work the facts uncovered in these investigations will be placed before that body.

The first revelation of the efforts of the German agents to influence pacifist societies and make of them tools of the German Government will

## REWARD OF \$1,000 PUT UP BY FATHER IN CRUGER CASE

District Attorney Swann to Ask Board of Aldermen to Double It.

GIRL GONE THREE WEEKS

Parent Insists That Police Find Cocchi as First Step in Clearing Mystery.

Henry D. Cruger, father of eighteen year old Ruth Cruger of No. 130 Claremont Avenue, the Wadsworth High School graduate who has been missing from her home since Feb. 13, to-day authorized District Attorney Swann to stir public interest and aid in the search for the girl by offering a reward of \$1,000.

The reward is to be paid for any information which will lead to the discovery of the girl's whereabouts or for information leading to the conviction of any person who committed a crime in connection with her disappearance.

District Attorney Swann said he would at once ask the Board of Aldermen to increase the reward under the law by which the Aldermen are authorized to double any reward offered by a private person for information regarding the recovery of a lost person or evidence of the commission of a crime. The Board of Aldermen has never refused to take such action.

The plan to break up the ice on the lake in Van Courtlandt Park in order to drag the bottom in search for Ruth Cruger was abandoned by the authorities to-day. Detective Cunningham, of the District Attorney's staff, and others from Police Headquarters testified themselves that the water hole where Thibault's trunk floated into the lake was frozen over on the day when Ruth Cruger vanished.

Moreover, the girl's father called the attention of the detectives to the fact that his daughter had taken none of her warm skating clothing with her when she went out, but wore a broad-trimmed hat and a long, close-skirted coat. Mr. Cruger also said his daughter always left her walking shoes in the locker room when she put on her skating shoes, and detectives in his employ had made a careful search of the locker room immediately after the girl was missed and had not found an extra pair of tan shoes there.

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## ADRIATIC REPORTED CAUGHT; COMPANY BELIEVES HER SAFE; DR. VAN DYKE A PASSENGER

Big White Star Vessel Left Liverpool With 149 Passengers on Feb. 28.

TWO LINERS OVERDUE.

Uneasiness Felt for Rochembeau and Minnehaha—Baltic Is Sighted.

A report which could not be traced to its source was current in shipping circles to-day to the effect that the big White Star liner Adriatic has been caught by a German submarine. Officials of the White Star line, while admitting they have received no news from the Adriatic since she left Liverpool Feb. 28, assert that they have reasons to believe she is safe and will probably be reported to-night or to-morrow.

Word was received from Montreal this afternoon that it was rumored there that "Ransom is in difficulties." Capt. Ransom of the White Star service was in command of the Adriatic on her last trip eastward, but was transferred to the Baltic at Liverpool. The Baltic has been reported as off Fire Island bound in, so the Ransom report has no foundation, but the mention of his name in connection with the Adriatic may have been based on the assumption that he was still with his old ship.

The Adriatic carries thirty-seven first cabin, twenty-five second cabin and eighty-seven steerage passengers. Among those aboard is Dr. Henry Van Dyke, former United States Minister to Holland. There are also other Americans on the Adriatic. This vessel has long been sought by German U boat commanders. She has carried many millions of dollars' worth of munitions of war to Liverpool from the United States.

Two other ocean liners overdue in New York from Europe are the causes of concern in shipping circles to-day. They are the French liner Rochembeau and the Atlantic Transport freighter Minnehaha.

The steamer Minnehaha started for New York from London and her route was through a submarine zone in which the German boats have been particularly active.

The Rochembeau may have been delayed by the necessity for safety's sake of skirting the French and Spanish coasts on the way through the Bay of Biscay to the Atlantic Ocean. French liners have all reached New York behind their schedules in the past six months.

The Baltic is expected to dock early to-morrow. She left Liverpool about Feb. 28. The Baltic has eighty-five cabin passengers and was due here last Monday.

The Fabre Line steamer Roma (French), which sailed from here Feb. 18 with seventy-seven passengers arrived early at London March 1, officials of the line announced to-day.

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## 40-POUND IRON CROSS FOR SENATOR VARDAMAN

Forged by Blacksmith Who Represented Attitude on the Armed Neutrality Bill.

BELOXI, Miss., March 7.—Thomas Collins, local blacksmith, forged a forty-pound iron cross and sent it to-day to Senator James K. Vardaman with the inscription, "Let the Kaiser Forget." The blacksmith renounces Vardaman's attitude on the Armed Neutrality Bill.

## NATION DEMANDS STONE RESIGN AS COMMITTEE HEAD

Press and People Unite in Calling Him Unfit as Foreign Relations Chairman.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Washington Times to-day ran a half-toned of Senator Stone in the body of an editorial headed "An Editorial That Needs No Heading." Just above Stone's picture was the following:

"Treason against the United States shall consist only in leaving war against them or in adhering to their enemies or in giving them aid and comfort."—Article III, Section III, Constitution of the United States.

Just below Stone's picture was printed:

"Expert officials of the Navy Department have devised a scheme of programme for placing on board the merchant ships when they go out from our ports, and as part of their equipment, two or more small boats, submarine chasers, having unusual speed capacity. The plan is to have these boats, which shall be public boats, lowered to the surface on reaching a zone of danger. They are then to hover about the merchant ships, scout for hostile craft, and attack when seen."—Senator Stone in his speech in the Senate on Saturday.

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## RULE TO END FILIBUSTERS REPORTED TO THE SENATE BY MEN OF BOTH PARTIES

Provides That Debate May Be Shut Off by Two-Thirds Vote and Places Other Bars Against Dilatory Tactics.

## WILSON AT CONFERENCE INSISTS ON THE CHANGE

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Following conferences at the White House to-day between President Wilson, Democratic Senators and members of the Cabinet, it was announced on high authority that the President had decided to arm United States ships at once. It was stated that formal announcement might be made within a few hours, and that the Navy Department would be instructed to furnish all the guns which are necessary.

The conferences were also followed by a quick move in the Senate to change the rules to end filibustering. The joint Democratic and Republican Committee on Rules agreed upon a cloture rule which was reported to Democratic and Republican caucuses this afternoon.

## COLD KEEPS WILSON CONFINED TO HIS ROOM

President Ordered by Dr. Grayson to Keep Quiet After Holding Conferences To-Day.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—President Wilson is confined to his room with a cold which has been troubling him for some time.

On Monday it was aggravated by exposure to the wind and dampness when he was compelled repeatedly to lift his hat in response to cheers and when he saluted each American flag carried past him at the reviewing stand.

After his conferences to-day the President went to his room and was ordered to remain there by Dr. Grayson.

## TWO OF THE FILIBUSTERS TURNED DOWN IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 7.—First official rebuke by the Senate to the "swindlers" Senators who blocked President Wilson's plan for placing the United States under an "armed neutrality" was given to-day when the Republicans in private caucus dropped from their steering committee Senators Cummings and Gurnea.

They were two of the obstructionists.

## BILL TO TRAIN WORKING BOYS FOR ARMY PASSED

ALBANY, March 7.—With the two sponsors, members reading the bill, after some delay the Assembly passed the Workmen's Bill which would extend the military training law, which formerly applied only to students. The measure now goes to the Governor.

The Meyer Bill, providing for field military training for all male citizens between eighteen and twenty-three years, was abandoned by the Assembly Military Affairs Committee. In its place the leaders will try to pass a resolution calling upon the Federal Government to provide by national statute for military training and pay the cost out of the National Treasury.

The proposed rule provides that the Senate by a two-thirds vote may cut off debate and prevent other dilatory tactics. The committee slightly changed the wording of the resolution framed at the meeting last night.

The change in the resolution, Senator Penrose announced, was to provide that no amendment shall be offered to a bill against which the cloture is to be enforced after the cloture has been voted by the Senate. That would prevent any efforts to offer a substitute after the cloture had been ordered and was regarded as important by all the conferees.

The President's decision to arm ships was reached shortly after the conference at the White House with Senators. He conferred also with Secretary Lansing, whom he had instructed, together with Attorney General Gregory, to prepare for him a formal opinion as to whether he had power to go ahead with his armed neutrality plans for protecting the lives and property of American citizens despite the filibuster that deprived him of Congressional sanction.

The Senators who conferred with the President were Owen, Reed, Walsh, Swanson, James and Hoke Smith, the committee named by the Senate Democratic caucus to discuss with a committee of Republican Senators the form which the cloture rule is to take. The conference was also attended by Secretary McAdoo.

Wilson insists that rules must be changed.

The conference lasted for an hour and a half. The President told the Senators he was for prompt action. He said the country was deeply aroused and repeated that a few Senators should not be allowed to interfere with the welfare of the nation.

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